

**State of Idaho – Individual Health Insurance Availability Act**  
**Required Content of Rate Manual for Individual Health Benefit Plans**

All new rate filings and rate revision filings must include a copy of the rate manual developed pursuant to Subsection 036.01 of IDAPA 18.01.72. The rate manual must:

- Specify the rating period for which the rate manual applies.
- Specify all case characteristics used in establishing premium rates and the corresponding rate factor tables applicable for each case characteristic. Allowed case characteristics are age, individual tobacco use, geography, and gender, as specified in Section 41-5206(1)(f), Idaho Code.
- Specify all risk characteristics considered and the criteria and factors applied in determining risk loads used to reflect the risk characteristics of individuals, subject to the provisions of Section 41-5206, Idaho Code. Risk characteristics may include health status, claims experience, duration of coverage, family composition or any similar characteristic related to the health status or claims experience of an individual.
- Show the complete formula used to develop premium rates in a two (2) step process (see Subsection 036.10 of IDAPA 18.01.72):
  - Step 1: Show formula development of the base premium rate with regard to all case characteristics and without regard to any risk characteristics.
  - Step 2: Show the risk load adjustment of the Step 1 result to reflect the risk characteristics of the individual.
- Show illustrative examples of individual rates calculated using the two step process.
- Describe the method of allocating administrative expenses to the health benefit plans for which the manual was developed.
- List all changes to the rate manual from the previous rating period. Specify which of the changes, if any, meet the criteria for a change in rating method (see Subsection 036.04 of IDAPA 18.01.72) and must be filed and approved before use as required under Subsection 036.02 of IDAPA 18.01.72. For any such changes, provide the information required for review of modification of rating method as specified under Subsection 036.03 of IDAPA 18.01.72.

**Reminders:**

- One rate manual for all individual business subject to the Individual Health Insurance Availability Act.
- Must file for prior approval before using any case characteristic other than Age, Individual Tobacco Use, Geography, and Gender. Such a filing must meet the requirements for adjustment of rating method under Subsection 036.02 of IDAPA 18.01.72.
- Base premium rate differentials for health benefit plans must be based solely on reasonable and objective differences in the design of benefits and not based in any way on the actual or expected health status or claims experience of an individual or group of individuals that choose or are expected to choose a particular health benefit plan.